

## **CLERK'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – JULY 2022**

**Support for Ukraine.** The Town Clerk continues to attend weekly meetings with WBC and SCC and is acting as a point of contact for the local Haslemere for Ukraine group. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July she accompanied 17 Ukrainians to a job fair hosted at the Memorial Hall in Farnham. It is hoped that a similar event can be held soon in Haslemere with local employers in attendance.

**Cash provision in Haslemere** – the Clerk has been approached by Link offering to conduct a review of the provision of cash in Haslemere. After consultation with Hindhead councillors she will ask that the review is extended to cover Beacon Hill.

**Walking Festival** – the Clerk and Cllr Dullaway haven been working with Visit Haslemere and Cllr Odell (with her Museum hat on) to finalise details of the Haslemere Walking Festival which takes place over the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you to the councillors and staff who have offered to volunteer on walks.

**External Audit and accountant** – the Clerk has submitted all documentation required by PKF Littlejohn, a period of public scrutiny is now in progress. With the retirement of the Council's longstanding accountant, Alan Harland, a replacement – Paul Burdick of ACCLC - Accounting for Local Councils & Clerks has been sourced.

### **Forthcoming Council and Lion Green events**

- Car boot on Lion Green Sunday 24 July
- Peter Shayler Funfair Lion Green 26-31 July
- Inspector Donaldson Day Sunday 31 July
- Silent Summer Screening Lion Green 5 August
- Dylan's Ice Cream Festival 20 August
- Jay Miller's Circus 1-10 September
- Food Festival 17 September
- Oktoberfest 23-24 September

**Town Hall insulation** – loft insulation has now been installed and officers have had confirmation that the Town Hall is not suitable for cavity wall insulation because the walls are either solid or so narrow that insulation could cause damp

**Clammer Hill deer fencing** – has been installed, save one boundary line which needs to be cut back first once the bird nesting is over. Positive comments from allotment holders





**Several Council assets have, we believe, been vandalised** (picnic bench at Lion Green, planter at Woodcock Green and Rocking Dinosaur at Town Meadow). The picnic bench and planter have been repaired by Martin. We are waiting to find out if the replacement part for the dinosaur is covered under warranty.







**Flower tubs in the High Street and Beacon Hill** – a lot of the older tubs which were falling into disrepair were replaced in May and all now have small labels identifying them as HTC's. The tubs and labels were purchased using EU Welcome Bank Fund available back in January 2022





The large slide at Lion Green had to be repainted as the paint splinters could cause injury to little fingers.



A new fridge has been purchased and installed at Pathways Community Support centre and the tender documentation for the grounds maintenance, and town hall & public toilet cleaning has been issued. The deadline for contractor to respond is 29 July 2022.